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SENATOR NORE: Is this letter we have on our desk a letter to yourself? It has no signature on it.

SENATOR DECAMP: It was a letter to myself that came in the mail this morning. I just distributed it around as a sample of some of the letters on the lottery question. No more than that.

SENATOR NORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Once again the Chair would like to have your attention to invite you into your seats so that we could begin Final Readings. Sometimes I also get the feeling I have less than your undivided attention. Attention please. The Final Reading of LB 92. The Clerk will read the bill.

CLERK: LB 92 (read)

(End Belt #1)

(Start Belt #2)

CLERK: LB 92 (read)

PRESIDENT: Just to remind you. Several times this session you have asked the Chair for enforcement of certain rules. And it seems to me like you put the Chair in a very embarrassing position when you violate this rule. And now that is the reason I want to read it to you so that the body will perhaps be reminded. It says that members shall remain in their seats during the Final Reading of a bill and until the vote thereon has been announced. Except when excused by the President. Thank you. We will proceed with the Final reading of LB 96.

CLERK: LB 96 introduced by Senator..

PRESIDENT: Pardon me, Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, speaking for myself I want to comprise what you think the rules are. Now are you saying for example. I left. And I didn't think I was breaking the rules because I got out of the room. Now are you saying unless I am excused. If I am present I should be in my seat.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is saying that obviously someone goes to the little boys room out here that that does not need an excuse from the Chair. And the Chair also concurs that everytime you leave you don't need to be excused from here. But when I see people come in and running in in order to punch the buttons, then I worry because it seems to me that they were distracted or they were out of their seats and I really don't feel like I should call it out from the chair up here that they are not excused during Final Reading. I presume that the conscience of the body has to enter into the discipline of themselves some place here. And I wanted to mention that because there always seems to be someone who is off doing other things shall we say rather than what might be considered legitimate and necessary excuses for absences.